REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 13-18 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The rejection of claims 13-18 under 35 USC 102 is deemed to be overcome.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the remainder of the claims, claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, such allowance is solicited.

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